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(b) whether the teachers of these schools are paid regularly; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : (a) 117 Harijan Welfare Schools.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

MR. SPEAKER : Questions are over.

[Note—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

III.—ADJOURNMENT MOTION re FAILURE OF THE GOVERNMENT TO REDUCE THE PRICES OF FOODGRAINS, ETC.

MR. SPEAKER : I have received notice of an adjournment motion from the hon. Member Sri N. K. Palanisami to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., the failure of the Government to reduce the prices of foodgrains by eliminating the wholesale dealers who buy foodgrains at the Government's rate from the peasants. Under Rule 49 of the Assembly Rules, a hon. Member can raise an adjournment motion if he can satisfy the Hon. Speaker that the motion is restricted to a specific matter of recent occurrence. I think the prices of foodgrains have been going up for some months past. I shall see what the Hon. the Minister has got to say and then I shall give my ruling. Let me see whether there is any new point.

* THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, உணவு நிலைமையைப்பற்றி இரண்டு முறை இந்த மன்றத்திலே நான் விளக்கியிருக்கிறேன். அதற்குப்பிறகு சமீபத்தில் எவ்விதமான ஒரு சம்பவமும் நிகழவில்லை என்பது கனம் அங்கத்தினர்களுக்குத் தெரியும். ஆகையால், இவ்வாறு ஒரு அவசரப் பிரேரேபணை கொண்டுவந்து விவாதிப்பதற்கு இடமில்லை என்று தான் நான் நினைத்துக்கொள்ளவேண்டும். இருந்தாலும், உணவு நிலைமையைப்பற்றி மீண்டும் எடுத்து விளக்கிக் கூறுவதற்கு சந்தர்ப்பம் ஏற்படுமென்றால் அதை நான் வரவேற்பேன். தாங்கள் அனுமதித்தால் நாளை மறுதினம் இ.பெ.முதுள்ள உணவு நிலைமையைப்பற்றியும், அரசாங்கம் எடுத்துக்கொண்டுவரும் நடவடிக்கைகளைப்பற்றியும் ஒரு அறிக்கையை நாள் சமர்ப்பிப்பேன். அது தவிர, இம்மாதிரி ஒரு அவசரப் பிரேரேபணை அவசியமில்லை என்று நான் கூறுவேன்.

MR. SPEAKER : I rule the motion out of order today. If any new points are given by the Hon. Minister and, after that, if the hon. Member gives notice of another motion, I shall consider it then.

(Sri N. K. Palanisami rose.)

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MR. SPEAKER : The hon. Member's adjournment motion does not exist now. It has been ruled out of order today. After hearing the Hon. Minister's statement, if the hon. Member gives notice of a fresh motion, I shall consider it on its merits.

IV.—ANNOUNCEMENTS.

(1) ALLOTMENT OF SEATS TO HON. MEMBERS.

MR. SPEAKER : According to rule 61 of the Madras Assembly Rules, hon. Members have to sit in the seats allotted to them by me. But, here, it is not possible to allot seats. So, Members may sit anywhere they like. Of course, the usual convention of the ruling party on the right and the Opposition on the left will have to be followed. In case there is a division, Members' names will be called by the Secretary and then those who are present may stand up in their seats and express their preference as to how they want to vote.

(2) PANEL OF CHAIRMEN.

MR. SPEAKER : Under Rule 14 (1) of the Madras Assembly Rules, I nominate the following hon. Members to be the Panel of Chairmen for the current session :—

1. Sri J. Matha Gowder.
2. Sri V. K. Krishnamurthy.
3. Sri A. R. Marimuthu.
4. Sri B. Doraisami Reddiar.

(3) NOMINATION OF MEMBERS TO THE BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

MR. SPEAKER : Under rule 188 (c) of the Assembly Rules, I hereby nominate the following to be members of the Business Advisory Committee :—

1. Sri B. Bhakthavatsalu Naidu (Deputy Speaker).
2. The Hon. Sri C. Subramaniam.
3. The Hon. Sri M. Bhaktavatsalam.
4. Sri P. G. Karuthiruman.
5. Sri V. K. Ramaswamy Mudaliyar.
6. Sri C. N. Annadurai.
7. Sri M. Kalvanasundaram.
8. Sri P. S. Chinnadurai.
9. Sri S. Pakkirisami Pillai.
10. Sri K. Sattanatha Karayalar.

The Speaker is the ex-officio Chairman of the Committee.